Aquatic Invasive Species

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Ichthyocotylurus pileatus

A digenean fluke

General

1. Trematode occurring in encysted metacercarial form in host fish

Geography and Habitat

- 1. Native: Ponto-Caspian and Black Sea basins
- 2. Habitats
 - Parasitizes ruffe (Gymnocephalus cernuus) and round gobies (Neogobius melanostomus) in their body cavities

Invasion Pathways

1. Likely introduced with host fishes in ballast water

Sources

1. http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=2720